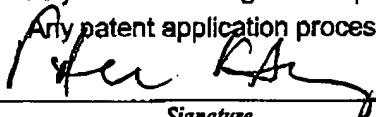



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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Official Action of July 30, 2002, please consider the following amendment.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Beginning on the bottom of page 5 and continuing on the top of page 6, please replace the description of the drawings as follows:

Brief Description of the Drawings:

Fig. 1 is a cell image of an example of atypical cells.

Fig. 2 is another cell image of an example of atypical cells.

Fig. 3 is a cell image of cells which are positive for dysplasia or carcinoma.

Fig. 4 is a flowchart of a method in accordance with one embodiment of the present invention which utilizes biomarker in the process of identifying cancerous and precancerous cells.

Fig. 5 is a flowchart of a method in accordance with another embodiment of the invention which utilizes a DNA ploidy analysis in the process of identifying cancerous and precancerous cells.

Fig. 6 is a flowchart of a method in accordance with the preferred embodiment of the invention which utilizes both biomarkers and a DNA ploidy analysis in the process of identifying cancerous and precancerous cells.